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## RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED ON DECEMBER 13, 2005

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 13, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 13, 2006, please enter this response and consider the amended claims in the application for the reasons discussed below. Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AUTO 0512/JCC in the amount of \$130.00 for the fees due in connection with the Terminal Disclaimer and any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

The pending claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** that begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.